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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 10/226,305, filed August 23, 2002 and 10/367,881 filed February 19, 2003.

For (Title): IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND PROCESS CARTRIDGE USED IN THE SAME

By (Inventors): Manabu SAITO, Hidekazu AMAMOTO, Atsuna SAIKI, Takaharu ABE and Tomoyuki MATSUURA

1. ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☐ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

| FOR: | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA |
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| BASIC FEE | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 31 - 20 | = *11 |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 8 - 3 | = *5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | |

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| SMALL ENTITY | | OR | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
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| RATE | FEE | | RATE | FEE |
| | \$ 385 | OR | | \$ 770 |
| x 9 = | \$ | OR | x 18 | \$ 198 |
| x 43 = | \$ | OR | x 86 | \$ 430 |
| +145 = | \$ | OR | +290 | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ | OR | TOTAL | \$1,398 |

3. ☒ Check No. 153295 in the amount of \$1,398.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet is attached.
5. ☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-22) are attached.
- ☒ Use Figure 1 for front page of Publication.

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AUTHORIZATION**

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necessary for entry;
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Deposit Account No. 15-0461

6. ☒ Priority of foreign application(s) No. JP 2001-388372 filed December 20, 2001 in Japan and JP 2002-270050 filed September 17, 2002 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 10/226,305 on August 23, 2002 and 10/367,881 on February 19, 2003.
☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
☐ A copy of the priority document was transmitted by the International Bureau in prior Application No. _____.
7. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)
8. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan and recorded at Reel 013242, Frame 0111.
9. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

10. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
12. ☐ Small entity status:
☐ a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
☐ b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
13. ☐ Other: _____
14. ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
15. ☒ The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430, Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025, Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560, Paul Tsou, Registration No. 37,956, and/or Eric D. Morehouse, Registration No. 38,565.
☐ a. The power appears in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney.
☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.
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